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I.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

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*An Act to incorporate the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America. Passed May 13, 1846, by a two-thirds vote. Amended April 12, 1867, and May 8, 1880.*

THE people of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. All such persons as now are or may hereafter become members of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, originally instituted in the year eighteen hundred and twenty, and fully organized by the General Convention of the said Church, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-five, shall be and are hereby constituted a body corporate, for the purpose of conducting general Missionary operations in all lands, by the name aforesaid. Nothing herein shall affect the power of the said Convention to make such rules and regulations or so to alter or amend the Constitution of the said Society, as the said Convention shall deem necessary or proper to promote the purpose for which the said Society is incorporated as aforesaid.

SEC. 2. For the object designated in the first section of the Act generally, or for any purpose connected with such object, the said Corporation shall have power, from time to time, to purchase, take by gift, grant, devise, or bequest and hold real and personal estate, and to sell, lease and otherwise dispose of the same, provided the aggregate clear annual income of such real estate, at any one time held shall not exceed the sum of thirty thousand dollars. The Corporation hereby created is declared subject to the provisions of Chapter Three hundred and sixty of the laws of one thousand eight hundred and sixty entitled "An Act relating to Wills."

SEC. 3. The said Society shall, in its usual annual printed Report, state the amount of its real and personal estate, and the income arising therefrom: a copy of which Report shall be deposited in the State Library.

SEC. 4. This Corporation shall possess the general powers and be subject to the provisions contained in Title Third of Chapter Eighteen of the first part of the Revised Statutes so far as the same are applicable and have not been repealed.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect immediately and the Legislature may at any time alter, modify or repeal the same.

## II.

### MISSIONARY CANON OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

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#### Title III.—CANON 9.

OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY  
OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA.

SECTION I. The Constitution of the said Society, which was incorporated by an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, is hereby amended and established so as to read as follows :

*Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, as established in 1820 and since amended at various times :*

#### ARTICLE I.

This Institution shall be denominated The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

#### ARTICLE II.

This Society shall be considered as comprehending all persons who are members of this Church.

#### ARTICLE III.

There shall be a Board of Missions of such Society, composed of the Bishops of this Church, and the members for the time being of the House of Deputies of the General Convention, the Delegates from the Missionary Jurisdictions to the said House of Deputies and the members of the Board of Managers as hereinafter described. The Board of Missions thus constituted shall convene on the third day of the session of the General Convention, and shall sit from time to time as the business of the Board shall demand.

#### ARTICLE IV.

There shall be a Board of Managers, comprising all the Bishops, the Treasurer or Treasurers appointed by the Board of Missions or by the Board of Managers, and fifteen Presbyters and fifteen Laymen, to be appointed by the Board of Missions at every triennial meeting of the General Convention, who shall have the management of the General Missions of this Church, and shall remain in office until their successors are chosen, and shall have power to fill



any vacancies that may occur in their number. Eight Clerical members and eight Lay members shall constitute a quorum. But whenever demanded by three members, a majority of the Bishops present and a majority of the Clerical members present and a majority of the Lay members present shall be necessary to any act of the Board. This Board of Managers shall, when the Board of Missions is not in session, exercise all the corporate powers of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. The Board of Managers shall report to the Board of Missions, on or before the third day of the session of the General Convention. But nothing herein contained shall affect the rights of any surviving life members of the Board of Missions.

#### ARTICLE V.

The Board of Managers is authorized to form, from its own members, a Committee for Domestic Missions and a Committee for Foreign Missions, and such other Committees as it may deem desirable to promote special Missionary work, and is also authorized to appoint such officers as shall be needful for carrying on the work.

#### ARTICLE VI.

The Board of Managers is intrusted with power to establish and regulate such Missions as are not placed under Episcopal supervision, and to enact all By-Laws which it may deem necessary for its own government and for the government of its Committees: *Provided, always*, that, in relation to organized Dioceses and Missionary Jurisdictions having Bishops, the appropriations shall be made in gross to such Dioceses and Missionary Jurisdictions, to be disbursed by the local authorities thereof. The Board shall notify to the several Bishops the gross sums so appropriated; and those Bishops shall regulate the number of Mission Stations, appoint the Missionaries, and assign to them their stipends, with the approval of the Board of Managers.

#### ARTICLE VII.

No person shall be appointed a Missionary who is not at the time a Minister in regular standing of the Protestant Episcopal Church or of some Church in communion with this Church; but nothing in this section shall preclude the Board of Managers from employing Laymen or women, members of this Church or of some Church in communion with the same, to do Missionary work.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

The Board of Managers shall have power to appoint Local Agents to represent the Society in different parts of the country, and is authorized to promote the formation of Auxiliary Missionary Associations; whose contributions, as well as those specially appropriated by individuals, shall be received and paid

in accordance with the wish of the donors when expressed in writing. It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers to arrange for public Missionary meetings, to be held at the same time and place as the General Convention, and at such other times and places as may be determined upon, to which all Auxiliaries approved by the Board of Managers may send one Clerical and one Lay Delegate.

ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time by the General Convention of this Church.

SEC. II. All Canons, and all action by or under the authority of the General Convention, so far as inconsistent with the provisions of this Canon and of such amended Constitution, are hereby repealed : *Provided, however,* that nothing herein shall in any manner impair or affect any corporate rights of the said Society, or any vested right whatever.

SEC. III. This Canon shall take effect immediately.\*

A true copy. *Attest :*  
MEDFORD, MASS., November 23d, 1883.

CHAS. L. HUTCHINS,  
*Secretary of the House of Deputies.*

\* Canon of 1871: as amended 1877, 1880, and 1883.



### III.

## BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

### ARTICLE I.

#### *The Field.*

For the guidance of the Board it is declared that the Missionary Field is always to be regarded as one—THE WORLD—the terms Domestic and Foreign being understood as terms of locality adopted for convenience. *Domestic* Missions are those which are established *within*, and *Foreign* Missions are those which are established *without* the territory of the United States.

### ARTICLE II.

#### *Officers.*

The officers of this Board shall consist of a President, a Secretary and an Assistant Secretary. The Senior Bishop present at any of its Meetings shall be the President. The Secretaries of the Domestic and Foreign Committees shall be, according to seniority in office, respectively the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of this Board. The Secretary of the Board of Managers shall be the custodian of the seal of this Society, and, when authorized so to do by resolution of the Board of Managers, or of either the Domestic or Foreign Committees, shall affix the seal to any document and prove the same.

### ARTICLE III.

#### *Election of Officers and Managers to fill Vacancies.*

All nominations of candidates to fill vacancies in any of the offices, or of the Members of the Board, shall be openly made at a Meeting of the Board, and be referred to the Committee on Nominations to consider and report thereon at the next or a subsequent Stated Meeting of the Board, when the election shall take place by ballot, and be confined to the candidates previously nominated and referred to the Committee.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### *Missionary Committees.*

(1) The Board as soon as may be, after its organization, shall proceed to divide its own Members, other than Bishops, into a Committee for Domestic Missions consisting of eight Clergymen and seven Laymen, and a Committee for Foreign Missions of seven Clergymen and eight Laymen, and a Bishop to be elected by the Board shall be the Chairman of each of these Committees.

(2) To the Committees of the Board thus constituted shall be referred, in their respective Departments, during the recess of the Board, the administration of the general Missionary work of the Church, subject to the regulations of the Board.

(3) Each Committee shall present, through its Secretary, its minutes and an accurate abstract of all its proceedings during the preceding quarter, reading such portions thereof, as their respective Committees may consider necessary

to be brought to the attention of the Board, and also a schedule of its appropriations for the following quarter, other than those already approved, to the Board at each of its Stated Meetings.

(4) Any Member of the Board present at any Meeting of either Committee may participate in the deliberations of said Committee, but without the right to vote.

(5) The Board shall appoint for each of the Committees, Domestic and Foreign, a Secretary, with a suitable salary, who shall be the executive officer of the Committee, to collect information, to conduct its correspondence, to devise and recommend plans of operation, and in general to execute all the purposes of the Board in his proper sphere, submitting all his measures, before their adoption, to the Committee for whom he is appointed, for their approval.

(6) The Board shall also appoint for each Committee a Treasurer; and the Treasurers shall deposit in such Bank or Banks, or Trust Company or Companies in the City of New York as shall be approved by the Committees, all moneys received by them, and the account in such Banks or Trust Companies shall be kept in the name of the Committee for Domestic or Foreign Missions as the case may be. The said moneys so deposited shall be withdrawn on the check of the Treasurer, but only upon the warrant or with the counter signature of the Secretary in accordance with the action of the Committee concerned. The Treasurers of the Domestic and Foreign Committees respectively shall have the temporary charge, custody, or oversight of any gifts, bequests or securities other than money, which may be intended for the use of said Committees in their ordinary work; said property of whatever kind shall be reported to the Board of Managers quarterly, with the ordinary reports of the Treasurers, and shall not be sold, or hypothecated for any purpose except by the authority and order of the Committee concerned.

(7) Assistant officers and clerks may, when necessary, be appointed by each Committee, subject to the approval of the Board.

(8) At a Meeting of either Committee five Members shall constitute a quorum, of whom at least two shall be Presbyters and two Laymen; but no appropriations of money shall be made unless eight Members be present.

#### ARTICLE V.

##### *Standing Committees.*

There shall be elected annually, by ballot, at the Stated Meeting of the Board in December, the following Standing Committees of five members each, viz:—

1. A COMMITTEE ON TRUST FUNDS, who shall have charge of all the Trust Funds now held by the Society, or which shall hereafter be received, and shall disburse the same in strict conformity with the declared purposes of the several donors. When such funds are of a permanent character they shall be invested in United States Stocks, or in other stocks of undoubted stability and strength, or in Bonds and Mortgages on well located, improved, productive Real Estate in our principal cities, worth at least twice the amount of money loaned thereon, and with Fire Insurance Policies as further collateral security for the same. All such Securities shall be deposited in the vaults of such Safe Deposit Company as the Board shall designate for that purpose. All money in the hands



of this Committee awaiting use or investment shall be deposited in such Bank or Banks, or Trust Company or Companies, in the City of New York, as the Board shall designate for that purpose; and said money so deposited shall be withdrawn only by order of this Committee, such order having been entered on its minutes. Whenever sales or transfers of Stocks or other Trust Securities, are necessary and directed by this Committee, such transfers or receipts, to be valid, shall be signed by the Chairman of this Committee, and the Secretary of the Domestic Committee or the Secretary of the Foreign Committee, as the circumstances may require. This Committee shall keep an accurate account of each Trust Fund, separately, and shall make full report annually, in regard to these Trust Funds, at the Stated Meeting of the Board in September. They shall pay over to the Treasurer concerned the income from the investments as collected.

2. A COMMITTEE ON OFFICE EXPENSES, who shall supervise all the expenses of the various offices of the Board. This supervision shall cover rents of offices, salaries and wages of all employees not directly appointed by the Board, stationery, postage, extra printing, insurance, and such other occasional and incidental expenses as may from time to time arise. This Committee shall report to the Board at each of its Stated Meetings.

3. A COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY MEETINGS, who shall, together with the Secretaries, arrange such public Meetings as in their judgment may be best for the furtherance of the Missionary work of the Church.

4. A COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS, who shall consider and report upon all nominations, referred to them by the Board, of candidates to fill vacancies in any of the offices or of the Members of the Board.

The foregoing Standing Committees shall keep full and accurate minutes of their proceedings, which shall be duly recorded in books provided for the purpose; and such minutes shall be submitted to the Board for its approval, at each of its Stated Meetings.

#### ARTICLE VI.

##### *Auditing Committee.*

A Committee, consisting of one Clergyman and two Laymen, shall be elected annually, by ballot, to audit the Reports of the Treasurers and to examine the funds, securities and property belonging to the Society, and report thereon to the Board.

#### ARTICLE VII.

##### *Annual and Triennial Reports.*

A report of the proceedings of the Board shall be published annually, with the exception of the years in which the General Convention meets, when a Triennial Report shall be presented to the Board of Missions.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

##### *Meetings.*

The Board shall meet quarterly in the City of New York, on the second Tuesdays of December, March, June and September, at 2 P.M. The sessions shall be from 2 to 5 P.M., from 7.30 to 10 P.M., and from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M., unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

Special Meetings shall be called on the written request of any ten Members of



the Board, notice of which, specifying the particular object of the meeting, shall be sent by the Secretary to each Member of the Board at least ten days before such meeting; and no other business shall be transacted at such meetings, except that mentioned in the call.

The order of proceedings and business at the Stated Meetings of the Board shall be as follows, unless otherwise specially directed by the Board:

1. Prayers.
2. Reading and approving the Minutes.
3. Reports of the Treasurers.
4. Reports of the Secretaries.
5. Report of the Domestic Committee.
6.     "     "     Foreign Committee.
7.     "     "     Standing Committees.
- I. Trust Funds.   II. Office Expenses.   III. Missionary Meetings.
- IV. Nominations.
8. Reports of Recognized Auxiliaries.
9. Report of the Auditing Committee.
10. Reports of Special Committees.
11. Unfinished Business.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Reading the Minutes of the Meeting.

#### ARTICLE IX.

On the demand of five members any vote shall be taken by the call of the roll and recorded.

#### ARTICLE X.

##### *Alterations and Amendments.*

The Board shall not make, alter or amend any By-Laws, except at a Stated Meeting of the Board; nor at the same meeting at which such By-Law, alteration or amendment is proposed, and then only by a two-thirds vote of the Members present.

IV.  
BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN  
MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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ALL THE BISHOPS OF THE CHURCH, MEMBERS *EX-OFFICIO*, THE TREASURERS  
OF THE DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN COMMITTEES, *EX-OFFICIO*, AND THE  
FOLLOWING ELECTED MEMBERS:

Rev. H. DYER, D.D. [Foreign Committee], 32 St. Mark's Place, N. Y.  
Rev. GEORGE LEEDS, D.D. [Domestic Committee], 171 Park Avenue, Baltimore, Md.  
Rev. NOAH HUNT SCHENCK, D.D. [Domestic Committee], 27 Grace Court, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Rev. E. A. HOFFMAN, D.D. [Foreign Committee], 426 W. 23d Street, N. Y.  
Rev. WILLIAM N. McVICKAR, D.D. [Domestic Committee], 2007 De Lancey Place, Philadelphia, Penn.  
Rev. J. LIVINGSTON REESE, D.D. [Domestic Committee], 80 Lancaster St., Albany, N. Y.  
Rev. J. HOUSTON ECCLESTON, D.D. [Foreign Committee], 140 St. Paul St., Baltimore, Md.  
Rev. THOMAS F. DAVIES, D.D. [Domestic Committee], 717 Pine St., Philadelphia, Penn.  
Rev. JAMES SAUL, D.D. [Domestic Committee], 142 N. 20th St., Philadelphia, Penn.  
Rev. GEORGE WILLIAMSON SMITH, S.T.D. [Foreign Committee], 107 Elm St., Hartford, Conn.  
Rev. HENRY Y. SATTERLEE, D.D. [Foreign Committee], 103 E. 21st St., New York.  
Rev. J. S. SHIPMAN, D.D., D.C.L. [Foreign Committee], Christ Church, Fifth Avenue and 35th St., New York.  
Rev. W. S. LANGFORD, D.D., [Domestic Committee,] Elizabeth, N. J.  
Rev. CORNELIUS E. SWOPE, D.D., [Domestic Committee,] Trinity Chapel, 25th St. & Broadway, New York.  
Mr. F. S. WINSTON [Foreign Committee], 144 Broadway, New York.  
Mr. GEORGE N. TITUS [Domestic Committee], 30 Pine St., New York.  
Mr. LEMUEL COFFIN [Foreign Committee], P. O. Box 46, Philadelphia, Penn.  
Mr. WILLIAM SCOTT [Domestic Committee], 110 E. 23d St., New York.  
Hon. BENJAMIN STARK [Domestic Committee], New London, Conn.  
Mr. CORNELIUS VANDERBILT [Foreign Committee], 1 W. 57th St., New York.  
Mr. WILLIAM G. LOW [Domestic Committee], 58 Remsen St., Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Hon. H. P. BALDWIN [Domestic Committee], Detroit, Mich.  
Mr. R. FULTON CUTTING [Foreign Committee], 37 Wall St., New York.  
Mr. JOSEPH W. FULLER [Foreign Committee], Troy, N. Y.  
Hon. JOHN A. KING [Domestic Committee], Great Neck, N. Y.  
Mr. C. M. CONYNGHAM [Foreign Committee], Wilkes Barre, Penn.  
Mr. JULIEN T. DAVIES [Foreign Committee], United Bank Building, cor. Broadway and Wall St., New York.  
Mr. JOHN H. SHOENBERGER [Foreign Committee], 43 W. 57th St., New York.  
Mr. ALFRED MILLS [Domestic Committee], Morristown, N. J.

\*LIFE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Rev. JOHN RODNEY, Germantown, Philadelphia, Penn.  
CASPAR MORRIS, M.D., Philadelphia, Penn.

OFFICERS.

Rt. Rev. HORATIO POTTER, D.D., LL.D., D.C.L., Chairman of the Committee for Foreign Missions, 38 E. 22d St., New York.  
Rt. Rev. A. N. LITTLEJOHN, D.D., LL.D., Chairman of the Committee for Domestic Missions, 170 Remsen St., Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Rev. JOSHUA KIMBER, Secretary of the Board, and Secretary for Foreign Missions, 23 Bible House, New York.  
Rev. GEORGE F. FLICHTNER, Assistant Secretary of the Board, and Secretary for Domestic Missions, 22 Bible House, New York.  
Mr. JAMES M. BROWN, Treasurer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U. S. A., and Treasurer for Foreign Missions, 23 Bible House, New York.  
Mr. W. BAYARD CUTTING, Treasurer for Domestic Missions, 22 Bible House, New York.

V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON TRUST FUNDS.

Rev. Dr. HOFFMAN,  
Mr. SCOTT,

Mr. MILLS.

Mr. VANDERBILT,  
Mr. FULLER,

ON OFFICE EXPENSES.

Rev. Dr. SWOPE,  
Rev. Dr. ECCLESTON,

Mr. R. FULTON CUTTING.

Mr. LOW,  
Mr. STARK,

ON MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

Rev. Dr. SCHENCK,  
Rev. Dr. REESE,

Mr. COFFIN.

Rev. Dr. SATTERLEE,  
Mr. BALDWIN,

ON NOMINATIONS.

Rev. Dr. DAVIES,  
Rev. Dr. SMITH,

Mr. DAVIES.

Rev. Dr. SHIPMAN,  
Mr. BROWN,

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AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Rev. Dr. LANGFORD,

Mr. SHOENBERGER.

Mr. KING,

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\*So made before 1835.







